facilities including potato processing. However, as per information available, potato based potable alcohol manufacturing project is being set up in assisted sector in collaboration with a Netherland Company in Village Runi Choria, Chittolli in Distt. Farukhabad in Uttar Pradesh, For the said project, a piece of land measuring 12.5 acres has already been purchased.

(c) The State of Uttar Pradesh is known to be a prominent place in production of potatoes. According to available information, in 1993-94, the approx. production of potato in the country was 160 lakh MTs out of which, 48.15 per cent, i.e. 77.00 lakh MTs was in Uttar Pradesh. In Distt. Farukhabad of Uttar Pradesh production of potato was approx. 13 lakh MTs which is almost 17 per cent production in the State. Therefore, the production of potatoes in Distt. Farukhabad of Uttar Pradesh was approx. 8 per cent of total production in the country.

Export of processed Food Articles

2111. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government experts have drawn out and identified for export the items of processed food articles;

(b) whether the concerned authority has also submitted its report to Government;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the list of items sought to be exported without depriving Indian consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d) A study group constituted by the Ministry of Commerce to identify extreme focus items for export have identified long grain white rice, processed mushreems, tomato paste, tropical fruit juices, pulps and concentrates, cut flower; tissue culture products, fresh buffalo meat, guar gum and alcohalic beverages. A recent study conducted by National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) Commissioned by Agricultural Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) have also identified the following items for export, where India will have competitive advantage in exports which inter-alia include certain cereals, fresh fruits like Mango, Grapes, Sapota; Banana; Lychee, certain vegetables, processed products like Mushrooms, tomato paste, mango pulp etc.

दैनिक उपभोग की वस्तुओं का अनारक्षण

2112. **श्री वीरेन जे0 शाह:**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 16 जुलाई 1994 के दैनिक "पायोनीयर"मे ब्रेड, कन्फेक्शनरी आइसक्रीम लाइकली टू बी "डिटिरजर्वड" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो क्या यह सच है कि बहुराष्ट्रिक कंपनियों अथवा बड़े घरेलू उद्योगों को ब्रेड आइसक्रीम और कन्फेक्शनरी जैसे दैनिक उपयोगी वस्तुएं बनाने की अनुमति दी गई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने आम उपभोक्ताओं खाद्य साँमग्री के निर्माण की सभी को छूट देकर नीतिगत परिवर्तन किया है अथवा मात्र उपर्युक्त वस्तुओं के निर्माण को आरक्षित उद्योगों की श्रेणी में लाने का निर्णय किया है ; और

(घ) सरकार ने उपर्युक्त निर्णय से आम घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं के हितों की कहां तक रक्षा की है और इस निर्णय के क्या-क्या लाभ होंगे ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरूण गोगोई) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) से (घ) आरक्षण नीति के अनुसार किसी बड़ी कंपनी को, इसमें बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनी शामिल हैं, औद्योगिक लाइसेंस लिए बिना तथा न्यूनतम 75% निर्यात प्रभार स्वीकार किए बिना केवल लघु क्षेत्र के लिए आरक्षित मदों का निर्माण करने की अनुमति नहीं है। अगस्त, 1991 से अब तक सरकार ने किसी मद को अनारक्षित करने का निर्णय नहीं लिया है ।

Regional Ayurvedic Research Centre at Itanagar Arunachal Pradesh

2113. SHRI NYODEK YONSGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists one Regional Ayurvedic Research Centre at Itanagar, the Capital of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the functions of this institution;

(c) whether the institution serves any purpose to the antire North Eastern region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Regional Ayurvedic Research Centre, Itanagar is engaged in clinical activitiesc including Health care Research, Survey of Medical Plants and promotion of health awareness among the tribals. The Centre has a ten bedded indoor hospitals which provides OPD facilities apart from undertaking Research in Ayurveda. A demonstration by bherb garden also functions under this Centre.

This Centre serves Itanagar and its surrounding areas. However two tribal Health Care Research Centres of the CCRAS are functioning of Imphal and Zero.

Guidelines for admiting AIDS patients

2114. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any specific instructions or guidelines on admission of AIDS affected patiens; and

(a) whether Government will issue specific instructions to all the State-owned hospitals, and Municipal hospitals to admit AIDS affected patients without any delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Appropriate treatment for opportunistic ailments is available to AIDS patients at Government Hospitals without any discriminaiton and delay. Government have also requested the State Governments to ensure timely and non-discriminatory treatment to AIDS patients.

AIDS victims in India

2115. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India now tops the world in HIV infection cases and Asia in the number of AIDS cases according to a report by the Indian Health Organisattion; and

(b) if so, what preventive steps are being taken by Government to contain the spread of AIDS in country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Any estimation/projection